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block of importance from a sanitary standpoint are drawn and filed in book form where they are easily accessible for reference. The districts are repeatedly inspected in order to insure constant compliance with the sanitary rules. Rat poison is prepared in large quantities by a pharmacist specially employed for the purpose, phosphorus, barytes, and arsenic in regular rotation being used on brown bread. The poison is spread on bread at the headquarters by 5 men who are constantly occupied with this work. The pieces of poison are placed in 2-gallon buckets, 200 of the latter being in use for the purpose, and delivered to the rat poisoners by means of wagons. The progress of the work is followed by the use of different colored pencils and pins on a large city map spread within easy view of the working force. In addition to the use of poisons for the extermination of rats, there are 2 professional rat trappers, who work systematically with rat traps and wagons. Finally, the special sanitation fund offers a standing bounty of 10 cents for each rat delivered properly tagged at the headquarters. There is a special inspector whose sole duty is to see that all butcher shops, provision, and fruit stores are rendered and kept rat-proof.

The work of the division of special municipal policing consists of general and special police work. This division tears down or burns all unused or worthless buildings which cannot be rendered sanitary.

Plague prevention work to December 3.

Sick persons inspected.....	3
City blocks inspected and reported upon.....	653
Nuisances abated.....	667
Cubic yards of rubbish burned.....	563
Cubic yards of rubbish removed.....	649
Rats delivered and cremated.....	7, 266
Rats killed, estimated.....	25, 000
Rats examined.....	300
Rats found infected with plague.....	2
Pieces of rat poison placed.....	576, 540
Garbage cans installed.....	2, 000

Transactions of the division of special municipal policing.

Blocks inspected.....	484
Garbage cans installed.....	7, 500
Cubic yards of rubbish removed.....	13, 000
Old buildings destroyed.....	26

Plague death at Seattle, October 30, verified.

Doctor Cofer further reports, December 7:

A death that occurred here October 30 has been verified as having been due to bubonic plague. This makes a total of 3 cases and 3 deaths. There has been no case or death since October 30.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY, STATES AND CITIES
OF THE UNITED STATES—UNTABULATED.

CALIFORNIA—*Stockton*.—Month of November, 1907. Estimated population, 23,000. Total number of deaths, 20, including 2 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 4, enteric fever 8, scarlet fever 6, smallpox 1, and tuberculosis 2.